



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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Is a carefully prepared article in the Philadelphia North American it is stated that during the past fourteen years the American people created aboard a net trade and money credit of \$6,500,000,000. Yet, notwithstanding this huge sum, which stands for the excess value of what was sold over what was bought abroad, the net foreign debt of this country has grown by \$1,120,000,000. From \$5,000,000,000 in 1895 it had become \$6,120,000,000 last year. That makes a staggering proposition, one which at once rises into national and assumes international importance. It offers a problem of utmost gravity. The situation, as thus revealed in bald figures, is well calculated to give concern. In effect, it means not only that the United States is today the world's greatest debtor nation, but also that this people is running deeper into debt to other peoples. The American people, as a nation, are plainly living beyond their means. And this they have been doing steadily for fifty years, each year sinking further into debt to the world. Not a pleasant picture is this, but it is the one which truly depicts the real situation. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, this country was compelled to add over \$175,000,000 to its foreign indebtedness. And for the latest fiscal year the score ran against us far more heavily. Obviously such a condition of affairs cannot go on indefinitely. A people, no more than an individual, can get credit beyond a certain point. Among the items against this country in the international settlement are the vast sums paid in dividends to foreign holders of American securities, the millions spent by Americans yearly while traveling in foreign countries and the large sums of money sent abroad from this country for foreigners employed in this country. Then, too, many millions of dollars are sent from this country annually to pay foreign pensioners.

DR. WILEY, chief of the bureau of chemistry, Department of Agriculture, is deprived of part of the power he has been exercising by a clause in the agricultural appropriation bill, which says that "hereafter the legal work of the Department of Agriculture shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the solicitor. This means that Dr. Wiley, who heretofore has issued citations to hearings whenever examinations in his bureau seemed to justify him in demanding of the manufacturer an explanation of any article of food or drug product which it was thought did not come up to the standard of purity demanded by the food and drug act, must confine his work virtually to his laboratory. His other powers will be transferred to George P. McCabe, the solicitor for the department. Mr. McCabe is a vigorous supporter of one theory of the Taft administration, that a public official need not act in behalf of the public unless the law directs him to. Dr. Wiley has been a thorn in the flesh of the food and drug adulterators for some time and there is a suspicion that though their influence the clause referred to was inserted in the agricultural bill.

The report that President Taft will nominate a negro as collector of the port of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, practically a part of Washington, has aroused indignation. Residents are strong in their conviction that this is no place for a negro and that the conferring of the position upon a colored man will result only in trouble. It is contended it will increase the arrogance of the negro element in Washington and will be in opposition to the unanimous sentiment of the people who do business with the office of the collector in Georgetown. The above should prove an object lesson to certain Alexandrians who are periodical sufferers from retrocession mania. While the democratic party may be guilty of omissions and commissions in its long career, it is a Gibraltar to negro domination in the south, and thoughtful people on the south side of the Potomac do not want black policemen or collectors in their midst. Were the city a part of the District of Columbia we would have many distasteful things to remind us of a descent from Olympus to Hades.

The New York Court of Appeals held recently that a foreign corporation having an office for the transaction of business in New York state was bound to permit one of its stockholders to inspect its stock book and to copy therefrom the names of its stockholders, their places of residence and the number of shares owned by

them respectively, and that the stockholders was not required to disclose to the officer in charge of the book his motive in making the inspection. This decision is of general interest.

All the leaders of Congress were reported to be in favor of economy. Nevertheless, economy is one of those things which every one favors in the abstract, but finds awkward in the concrete. The expenditure of the Congress which adjourned Saturday night exceeds a billion dollars.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette)

A decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to be announced Friday, will determine whether 500,000 railroad employees are to strike on all of the fifteen southern lines, about which practically all the traffic. About 200 delegate conductors and trainmen have been in Washington for the last three weeks, holding conferences and making arrangements with the Interstate Commission. They practically completed their mission last night, and most of them have returned to their homes. From remarks made today by representatives of the employees there is reason to believe that they will not agree to arbitrate their differences.

State Department officials are on the alert to ascertain the terms of the railway agreement reported to have been reached by Japan and Russia. If this treaty is more than a traffic arrangement, it will be a very important one, affecting the existing conditions in the Orient. It is today the world's greatest debtor nation, but also that this people is running deeper into debt to other peoples. The American people, as a nation, are plainly living beyond their means. And this they have been doing steadily for fifty years, each year sinking further into debt to the world. Not a pleasant picture is this, but it is the one which truly depicts the real situation. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, this country was compelled to add over \$175,000,000 to its foreign indebtedness. And for the latest fiscal year the score ran against us far more heavily. Obviously such a condition of affairs cannot go on indefinitely. A people, no more than an individual, can get credit beyond a certain point. Among the items against this country in the international settlement are the vast sums paid in dividends to foreign holders of American securities, the millions spent by Americans yearly while traveling in foreign countries and the large sums of money sent abroad from this country for foreigners employed in this country. Then, too, many millions of dollars are sent from this country annually to pay foreign pensioners.

The raising of the drydock Dewey which sank several weeks ago in Manila Bay was officially reported to the Navy Department in a brief dispatch received today. The Department will immediately allow money for repairs in order that the big dock may be put in shape before the typhoon season which soon due.

Henry A. Rucker, colored, collector of internal revenue of Georgia, has resigned and Henry S. Jackson of Atlanta has been selected to succeed him. The statement is made that Rucker is to be provided with a position in Washington. Hereafter, by order of Secretary MacVeigh, when banks or individuals want fractional currency they will have to pay transportation charges themselves. For the last 26 years the government has been bearing this expense and it has cost the Treasury Department on an average of \$100,000 a year.

Reductions amounting to about 25 percent of the average in transcontinental freight rates were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a series of decisions which are among the most important ever handed down by that tribunal. They are based upon complaints from the city of Spokane, Washington, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Railroad Commission of Nevada and the Commercial Club of Salt Lake City, etc. The largest reductions are made in the rates from the Pacific coast to the Missouri river and from there to the Mississippi and the Mississippi river to Chicago to Pittsburgh and to New York.

When the Supreme Court on May 21 decided in favor of the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in reducing the through rates from the Atlantic seaboard to Missouri river cities, the railroads were given thirty days in which to file a petition for a rehearing. That petition was filed today and will have the effect of suspending the enforcement of the courts decision until a hearing is had in the October term. The case affects all the important railroad systems in the west. The circuit courts granted an injunction suspending the rates order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, pending the decision of the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court sustained the commission.

Daniel Parish Kingsford has been appointed by the president superintendent of the new assay office to take effect August 1 and to succeed Kingsbury Foster, resigned.

William T. Thompson, former attorney general of Nebraska, has been appointed to the position of solicitor of the Treasury Department to succeed M. D. O'Connell, resigned.

Edwin S. Holmes, former statistician in the Agricultural Department, today pleaded guilty to the charge of giving out advance information of the cotton report which was fined \$5,000. This closes the famous "cotton leak" cases of 1905, all other participants in the conspiracy having also admitted their guilt and been fined.

Every rumor today points to a climax in the Nicaraguan situation. The State Department has information that Zelaya has placed his \$9,000,000 at the disposal of Madrid, that both men are operating in direct accord through secret agents in New York, and that every effort is being made by Madrid to stamp out the revolt in short order. The State Department learned today that former President Zelaya of Nicaragua is maintaining secret agents in New York through whom he is aiding President Madrid in the campaign against Nicaraguan insurgents and American interests.

Richard Ayers, aged 23 years, and Miss Alice Hicks, aged 15, eloped from Orange yesterday and went to Washington to be married. The girl's uncle preceded their arrival and she was taken in charge and will be sent home.

Diplomatic representatives of the United States, Germany and France have been instructed by their respective governments to request the Chinese government to ratify the agreement for the Hukon loan of \$90,000,000. It is believed that the effect to the effect will be issued without much delay and that the work of constructing the roads will begin a short time afterwards.

Mysterious Deaths.

Berlin, June 29.—A dispatch from Stuttgart today says that Prof. Alois Obert, a well known musical director, and Anna Suter, an operatic singer, were found dead together from bullet wounds. Indications were that Obert shot the woman and then committed suicide.

CHOLERA SCARE.

Anxiety Concerning the Scourge—Fear That It Will Spread Over England.

London, June 29.—A spread of Asiatic cholera through Europe is feared today by the English health officials as the result of the official admission by St. Petersburg officials that cholera has broken out in the Russian capital and the report of two deaths from cholera in Berlin.

The health authorities are discussing the situation, and it is expected that orders for a more rigid quarantine at all English ports will be issued. St. Petersburg, June 29.—Cholera riots are breaking out throughout southern Russia, according to dispatches received here today. Wherever the authorities make the slightest effort to enforce sanitary measures, a clash with the ignorant populace is almost sure to follow.

Ordinarily the government would not attempt to enforce extreme measures with the people, but complaints have been received from the Austrian and Prussian sides of the frontier and these have led the authorities to increased activity. The people in many of the towns where the disease is rapidly becoming epidemic not only object to official invasion of their homes but they believe that their sick will be mistreated if removed. They also have a vague idea that heaven has willed the pestilence and the authorities have no right to attempt to check its ravages.

Murder and Suicide in a Hotel.

Chicago, June 29.—A young man who gave the name of William Thompson at the Leland Hotel today shot and killed a beautiful young woman who was registered as his wife and then committed suicide.

The young couple registered last night and left a call for five o'clock this morning. They appeared to be in a happy frame of mind and exchanged pleasantries with the clerk. Soon after they had been called this morning two shots were heard. The door of their room was broken open and both were found dead. The girl had been shot through the breast and the man had a bullet wound in his head.

A note written by the man was found in the room. It read: "May God have mercy on me for what I have done. She has broken my heart. I tried to make a good girl of her, but it can't be done. We will end it together. The wages of sin is death. If there is any love in the heart of the public bury us together."

Will Demand Extradition of Oharlton. Rome, June 29.—The foreign minister today definitely decided to demand the extradition from the United States of Porter Charlton, who confessed in New York to killing his wife near Lake Como.

New York, June 29.—The second examination by the four eminent alienists retained by ex Judge Charlton to determine the mental condition of his son Porter Charlton, held on a charge of murdering his wife at Lake Como, Italy, took place today in the Jersey City jail. The final report of the investigation will probably be completed tomorrow. An unanimous opinion that Charlton was suffering from some form of dementia will likely be rendered by the alienists.

Motion Overruled.

Kansas City, Mo., June 29.—Judge Latslaw, in the Criminal Court this morning overruled the motion of Dr. B. Clark Hyde for a new trial on the charge of murdering Colonel Thomas D. Swope. Attorneys for the defense then filed a motion for appeal to the Supreme Court which Judge Latslaw will grant. He refused to grant bail to the prisoner on the matter pending before the higher tribunal. The judge declared that the jury's verdict was a just one and was warranted by the evidence submitted.

Students Poisoned.

Williamstown, Mass., June 29.—Fifty students of Williams College are ill here today, and one, A. B. Powell, of Montclair, N. J., is in a critical condition from what seems to be wholesale poisoning. A toxicologist has been summoned. The supposed poisoning occurred at the alumni dinner last Thursday. Soon after dinner were taken ill, but the majority recovered.

Roosevelt at Harvard.

Boston, Mass., June 29.—It was president of the Harvard Alumni Association, and a Harvard graduate instead of merely the only living ex-president of the United States that Theodore Roosevelt was honored today. He was the central figure of commencement day at Harvard and was cheered frequently and heartily as he participated in the various exercises that marked the annual presentation of diplomas and conferring of honorary degrees.

Thirteen Hundred Natives Killed.

Tangier, June 29.—Thirteen hundred natives are reported today to have been killed in an engagement with the French troops on June 23 in the Tadla district. The soldiers were on their way to the Shawia region to suppress an unprecedented reign of outlawry and were intercepted in the Tadla country. The French losses were light. No details of the engagement have been received.

Cloudburst in Kentucky.

Saylorsville, Ky., June 29.—Four bodies were recovered today following the cloudburst which swept Magoffin, Floyd and Knott counties yesterday. Searching parties are at work and expect to recover several more bodies.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

It was learned at Norfolk today that the battleship Delaware was struck by lightning last night and it was said that extensive repairs will have to be made. The wireless mast was demolished and one man seriously injured, while seven were slightly shocked.

The Due d'Alencon, grand-son of Louis Philippe, died today at his home in Wimbledon, England, of old age. He was the son of the Due de Nemours, who was once a suitor for the hand of the late Queen Victoria.

Mrs. Gussie Ogden Drezitz, sister-in-law of Mrs. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, worth \$500,000, was given a divorce today in Cincinnati in her fourth suit against Ernest Drezitz, piano salesman.

THE FIGHTERS

Jeffries' Backers and Admirers Optimistic—Opinion Divided Over Johnson's Condition.

Jeffries' Training Quarters, Moana Springs, Reno, Nev., June 29.—"I think Jeffries will rush and clean up in two or three rounds."

"No, he won't. He'll feel out the black fellow for seven or eight rounds, taking a good beating in the meantime. And as soon as he finds the negro is becoming discouraged because his punches are doing no damage, then he'll sail in and finish things up."

"Why should he wait? Why should he hold back and let the negro cut him to pieces? All Jeffries has to do is to stick out his chin, let Johnson drive his hardest and when the champion finds that the wickedest blow he has in stock cannot down his opponent, Johnson will be pie."

"Nothing like that. Johnson is too clever. He can stalk around for an almost unlimited number of rounds and it will simply resolve itself into a question of endurance. If Jeffries is there as he looks when he works, there will be nothing to it. I figure that under these conditions Johnson will last about thirty rounds."

These are some of the observations in the Jeffries camp today.

Johnson's Training Quarters, Rick's Resort, Reno, Nev., June 29.—Opinion is divided over John's condition. His followers say he is better than ever. Others don't fancy his style of work and complain that he shows speed only at intervals.

There is considerable truth in the latter statement. When sparring Johnson cuts loose only when stung by one of his sparring partners. At other times he is content to block and stop punches.

Bodies Found.

Annapolis, Md., June 29.—Just about one mile and a half from the naval academy, the bodies of Mrs. Joseph M. Bowyer, daughter-in-law of Captain J. M. Bowyer, superintendent of the Naval Academy; Midshipmen Sherman N. Nason, of Newport, R. I., and Grigsby L. Thomas, of Union Point, Ga., were found this morning.

The trio went sailing in a small boat yesterday and it is believed that they decided to take a dip in the Severn. Where they left the sail boat anchored, their bodies were only a few feet away when they were fished out of the water. It is believed the unfortunate young woman and the two young men were suddenly overcome with cramps and the three were drowned before any aid could reach them. Their bodies were brought to Annapolis and an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the manner in which they met death will be investigated, although every sign indicates that the trio met death through accident.

The bodies were recovered today from "Old Man's Hole," a treacherous place, well known to fishermen. Mrs. Bowyer before her marriage was a Miss Dean of Pittsburgh. She was 28 years old. Her husband died two years ago.

Earthquake Shocks.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 29.—Two earthquake shocks, one of nearly an hour's duration, were reported by Father Odenbach, the St. Ignatius school scientist, today. The first shock, a minor disturbance, was recorded by the seismograph at 2:45 a. m. and continued until 3:12 a. m. The second shock began at 5:29 a. m. Father Odenbach estimates that the quake was 3,000 or 4,000 miles from Cleveland.

Washington, June 29.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were this morning recorded on the seismograph at the Georgetown University. The disturbances lasted from 6:39 to 7:02 a. m. They were too far distant to determine their approximate location.

St. Louis, June 29.—The seismograph at the St. Louis University recorded an earthquake today lasting from 5:41 a. m. to 6:08 a. m. According to Father Giesse, who has charge of the observatory, the quake came from the west and was centered in the earth and probably did no damage.

Jury Discharged.

Chicago, June 29.—The jury which has been trying the case of Lee O'Neill Browne, democratic leader of the State Legislature, charged with bribing members of the legislature to vote for the election of William Lorimer, republican, as United States Senator, was discharged today, failed to agree. The jury retired last Friday afternoon and has been deliberating ever since. It came into court today and announced at 11:30 that it could not reach a verdict.

Will Construct Another Airship.

Berlin, June 29.—Count Zeppelin, builder of the air liner Deutschland, which was wrecked yesterday, though heart-broken over the unfortunate ending of the third cruise of the big dirigible, is still undaunted and declared today that he would begin at once the construction of an air ship of half the size of the Deutschland, but which would be capable of carrying forty persons.

The Westward Still Victorious.

Kiel, Germany, June 29.—After three defeats by Alexander S. Cochran's yacht Westward, the kaiser's meteor today reversed the usual result and won from both the Westward and the Germania. The race was the closest yet sailed, the meteor winning by but two minutes from the Germania and three minutes from the Westward. The kaiser was aboard his yacht.

Three Men Killed.

Baltimore, Md., June 29.—Three men were killed, three others probably fatally injured and three others less seriously hurt by a freight engine which crashed into a gang of carpenters on a trestle on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Twenty-first street and the Bell Line Railroad tracks here today.

The President at Beverly.

Beverly, Mass., June 29.—President Taft arrived here in his special car Colonial at 9:30 this morning. He was greeted at the Montserrat depot by the members of his family, already here, and at once left by automobile for the summer White House at Burgess Point.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

President Taft contemplates appointing a negro politician collector of the port at Georgetown, D. C.

Attorney John Stanchfield, of New York, has received a fee of \$800,000 for the acquittal of F. Augustus Heinze.

The Congressional Bonding Commission in its preliminary report just completed, will favor the bonding of all government employees by the government itself.

One man was pinned down under an automobile and drowned and five others and a young woman were seriously injured yesterday a few miles from Hammond, Ind., when the car plunged into a creek.

Trial of the suit instituted by Rudolph Franke against Commander Peary, concerning the disposition of Arctic trophies was begun in a Berlin court yesterday. Franke was associated with Dr. Cook in polar exploration.

After carefully preparing himself for death, a young man, registered as James Murphy, committed suicide by inhaling gas yesterday at the Majestic Hotel, Washington. He had closed and locked the doors, windows, and transoms, and rammed paper into all the crevices. The key was left in the lock.

Emperor William has accepted the resignations of Baron von Rheinbaben, the Prussian minister of state and finance, and Wilhelm von Schoen, secretary for foreign affairs. Baron von Nochte was appointed secretary for foreign affairs, von Schoen being appointed ambassador to France.

Five men were killed and eleven injured, two of them probably fatally, by an explosion which first wrecked and then set fire to the hotel and saloon of Edward Bushay, five miles north of Minneapolis on the Anokan road yesterday evening. The explosion of a gas tank in the basement blew the roof from the building and fire immediately started. In about an hour the building was a mass of burning wreckage.

The steamship Mainz, which will proceed on Saturday for the Spitzbergen Islands carrying Count Zeppelin's liminary expedition, was yesterday anchored alongside the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Kiel yesterday and was inspected by Emperor William. It is planned to erect a dirigible balloon-house at Spitzbergen and Captain Lau will investigate the possibilities of a dirigible balloon flight in the Arctic to determine whether an air route to the North Pole will be practical.

Leaders of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor yesterday began an inquiry to ascertain if Gifford Pinchot, the former chief of the Forestry Department, has a legal residence in Pennsylvania. If he has, they propose to nominate him for governor at the head of the independent ticket. They say that they believe such a ticket would get not only the votes of the labor union men of the State, but also many dissatisfied democrats and republicans.

The New York grand jury present denounces the moving picture shows as a hot-bed of vice and urges more rigid legislation for safe-guarding young girls who patronize these theatres. Massage parlors and manufacturing establishments are severely attacked. The grand jurors declared that they investigated 125 of these establishments and found that they were simply disorderly resorts, disguised under different names.

Armed with knives, and keeping their word to meet at sunrise in the woods near Macfarland Park, in Waco, Tampa, Florida, Monday, identity has not yet been established. The fight was a desperate one, fought until the men fell from loss of blood. Adalo died within a few minutes. The unknown man escaped. Adalo came from Cuba. He was a labor organizer.

Starting from the Naval Academy at Annapolis shortly after noon yesterday for a sail in Annapolis harbor, three young people, Mrs. Joseph M. Bowyer, daughter-in-law of Capt. J. M. Bowyer, superintendent of the Naval Academy; Midshipmen Sherman N. Nason, of Newport, R. I., and Grigsby L. Thomas, of Union Point, Ga., have not been heard from up to a late hour last night, though the little craft in which they started has been found at anchor in shallow water. Every indication points to the fact that they have all been drowned.

A big bundle of papers, purporting to be the complaint in a suit for \$1,000 damages against Theodore Roosevelt, Robert Bacon, American ambassador to France; Charles Graves, American minister to Sweden, and his wife, is in the city clerk's office in New York awaiting disposition. The bundle was thrown into the office yesterday by Mrs. Ida M. Von Classen after the clerks refused to file them because of irregularities. The attempted suit is an outgrowth of the refusal of Minister Graves to present Mrs. Von Classen at the court of late King Oscar of Sweden in 1907.

FIRE ENGINE HORSES RUN AWAY.

Three big gray fire-engine horses, plunging along abreast with as much precision as if they had been hitched to their engine, ran away for two miles through Brooklyn yesterday and were only stopped when they reached the plaza of the Williamsburg bridge. The horses were not frightened. They were simply running as to a fire and their keepers together, the firemen say, show their training.

It was a beautiful sight as the massive gray plunging along crowded streets, close together as though guided by an invisible hand, dodging traffic and almost keeping step.

At the bridge a policeman seized the bridle of one of the horses and although dragged a block, succeeded in stopping him. The other two horses stopped immediately.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage of Mt. Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C., by Rev. J. Howard Wells, Tuesday, June 29, 1909, ALICE WILLIAMS and BENJAMIN C. BAGOT.

DIED.

At an early hour this morning, THOS. V. RISHPILL, in his 74th year. Funeral from the residence of his wife, Mrs. Rishpill, at 315 South Washington street, Thursday evening at six o'clock. Friends of the family invited.

CITY COUNCIL

A large volume of business was disposed of at the regular meeting of the City Council last night. It was of a general nature, however. The reports of the auditor, city treasurer, and clerk and superintendent of gas for the year ending May 31, 1910, were submitted.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Marbury of the special committee, appointed to investigate the candle power of the street lights furnished by the Alexandria Electric Company, reported progress. He stated that the committee expected to be able to present a report at the next meeting.

The report of the committee on streets recommending an appropriation of \$5,000 for the continuation of the trunk sewer in the northwestern section of the city, and a report of the same committee recommending an expenditure of \$1,400 for the improvement of Alfred street from Prince to Duke were received from the lower board and laid over.

There was no discussion in the board and the action of the Common Council was concurred in by unanimous votes on all papers sent in.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Council met at 8:15 with 13 members present. A communication from the state auditor was received stating that a warrant for \$550.98 had been sent the city treasurer this being the city's third of the delinquent capitation taxes collected. The committee set forth that capitation taxes returned delinquent since 1902 have been collected and paid into the State treasury, amounting to \$1,652.95, and of this amount collected one-third had been returned to City Treasurer Robinson. The communication was referred to the finance committee.

The Reliance Engine Company petitioned Council to paper the walls of the engine house and asked that the appropriation be made at once. On request of Mr. Marshall \$65 was appropriated for this work.

Wm. Desmond asked permission to rebuild a frame addition in rear of 307 Queen street and this was referred to the committee on streets.

The finance committee recommended that \$150 be appropriated for the Alexandria Free Kindergarten and their report was adopted. A request had been made for \$300. The same committee recommended that bills from the health department amounting to \$86.90 be paid for provisions furnished quarantined persons and this was ordered. The street committee recommended that \$350 be appropriated for a cobbler gutter with brick center on Oronoco between Alfred and Patrick and this was agreed to.

The street committee also recommended that the sum of \$1,400 be appropriated for the paving of Alfred street between Prince and Duke streets with broken stone. This to be available when 25 cents per lineal foot for 3-4 of the total frontage and the cost of granite for curbing 3-4 of the square has been paid into the city. This, after some explanation by Mr. Leadbeater, was passed.

The same committee recommended that a resolution appropriating \$5,000 for the continuing of the northwest sewer be adopted.

Both Mr. Leadbeater and Mr. Burke spoke of the necessity of this work and the conditions in the third ward. The resolution was passed, yeas, 10; nays, 4; not voting—Messrs. Marshall, Spinks, Evans and the president.

Mr. Snowden in explaining his declining to vote said he was not opposed to improvements, but did not think all of the city's money should be spent in one section of the city; sewers were needed in other sections.

This led to some discussion between Mr. Snowden, Mr. Leadbeater and City Engineer Dunn as to the amount of money spent in the different wards and the conditions under which it was spent.

The sum of \$120 was appropriated to pave Pitt street for 100 feet south of King.

The street committee recommended that \$900 be appropriated for the grading and paving of the alley in the square bounded by Queen, Princess, Payne and West streets. This to be available when the abutting property owners have put up \$200.

On the recommendation of the same committee permission was granted several persons to build or repair frame buildings. These will be found in the official proceedings.

The sum of \$350 was appropriated for gutters on Franklin between Fairfax and Royal streets.

Mr. Leadbeater explained that the street committee thought it best to narrow this street before the gutters were laid.

The sum of \$60 was appropriated for painting the exterior wood work and tower of the Columbia engine house. This was on recommendation of the committee on public property.

The committee on light recommended that an arc light be placed at the Strand and Roberts' alley and this was ordered.

The annual report of the city auditor and city treasurer were read and approved. The reports showed the total receipts for the fiscal year ended May 31 to be \$185,629.58, and the amount expended \$183,041.42. The amount due the city treasurer last year was \$1,740.42, leaving a balance now in the hands of the city treasurer of \$841.31.

In presenting the report Mr. Burke of the finance committee said: "Last year when the report was presented to Council it was shown that there was an overdraft of \$1,746.42, or that amount due the treasurer to balance account for the year 1908-1909. The report tonight for year just ended shows a cash balance of \$841.31 to the credit of the general fund. A superficial view, or at least a careless examination of the account would make it appear that we had expended \$2,587.73 less than we had received during the year. The reverse, however, is true, for it is easily recalled by the members of Council that at the last meeting in May, Council authorized a loan of \$5,000 for the purpose of paying all claims that might be presented which were properly chargeable in the year just ended, so we really expended \$2,412.27 more than we received on account of general fund.

When presenting the resolution asking for the authority to negotiate a loan of \$5,000, there was placed on the desks of the members of Council a statement of the finance committee

estimating what would be the probable condition of our finances at the close of our fiscal year. A reference to that statement will show that the estimated receipts were given as approximately \$184,900, and a corresponding amount of expenditures. No efforts were made to make these estimates agree with what is now shown as the exact figures, yet the auditor's report shows expenditures as being \$184,787.84, or only \$112.16 less. The receipts were also near estimate; for while about \$730.00 in excess of estimates, yet we received \$400.00 from the Washington, Alexandria & Mt. Vernon Ry. Co. for a quarters rent on May 31, which we did not place in our estimates, and also received \$390.00 from police court fines greater than we anticipated. This total of \$790.00 shows how we received \$730.00 in excess of our estimates, as a reference to the statement to which I have referred will show.

Mr. Uller presented the reports of the clerk of the court, the superintendent of the gas works and the treasurer.

The total receipts from the gas works was \$44,200 as against \$43,780 for the previous year. The expenditures amounted to \$30,197.17. The net profits were \$14,002.83.

A resolution to fix the grade of Oronoco street, between Alfred and Patrick, was, on request of Mr. Leadbeater, passed.

A request from the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company to be permitted to run cars through the city without fenders was referred to the committee on streets and general laws.

Mr. Uller introduced a resolution appropriating \$500 to whitewash the interior of the market building and to make certain repairs in the country market. This was referred to the committee on the sinking fund.